

**CCJBH November Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, November 6, 2019 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM**  
**Board of Parole Hearings**  
1515 K Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Suite 550  
**Executive Board Room**  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Call in information**  
**Conference line: 1-888-363-4734**  
**Participant Code: 3232557**

**Meeting Minutes**

- I. 1:00 PM Welcome & Introductions, Roll Call**  
**Council Members Present:** Brenda Grealish, (DHCS), Matthew Garcia, Dr. Mark Grabau (DSH), Hon. Stephen Manley, Stephanie Welch, Dr. Diana Toche, Tracey Whitney, Danitza Pantoja

**Council Members Absent:** Sec. Ralph Diaz (CDCR), Tony Hobson, Stephanie Clendenin, Jessica Cruz, and Mack Jenkins

**Staff Present:** Und. Sec. Diana Toche, Stephanie Welch, Executive Officer, Monica Campos, Catherine Hickinbotham, Sheron Wright, Claudia Desmangles, and Marie Villalba

- II. 1:05 PM Approval of September Meeting Minutes**

**Minutes for approval from 9/19/19**

***Stephanie Welch, Executive Officer, Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health***

Motion to approve the minutes made by hon. Stephen Manley and seconded by Dr. Diana Toche.

Ayes-6

Nays-0

Abstentions—1

Minutes were approved

**\*\*\*\*\*PUBLIC COMMENT\*\*\*\*\***

**No public Comment**

- III. 1:15 PM Lived Experience Project: Outcomes of the Stakeholder Process**  
***Cathy Hickinbotham, Project Lead/Health Program Specialist, CCJBH***  
***Orit Kalman, Senior Mediator/Facilitator, California State University Sacramento, CSUS***

Project status was given on the outcomes from the stakeholder engagement process and how Lived Experience Project will be moving into the next phase.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Ralph M. Diaz, Chair**  
Secretary, California  
Department of  
Corrections and  
Rehabilitation

**Richard Figueroa**  
Director (A), California  
Department of Health  
Care Services

**Stephanie Clendenin**  
Director, California  
Department of State  
Hospitals

**Jessica Cruz**  
Chief Executive Officer,  
National Alliance on  
Mental Illness (NAMI)  
California

**Matthew Garcia**  
Field Training Officer,  
Sacramento  
Police Department

**Tony Hobson,**  
Behavioral Health  
Director, Plumas  
County

**Mack Jenkins**  
Retired Chief Probation  
Officer, San Diego  
County

**Stephen V. Manley**  
Santa Clara County  
Superior Court Judge

**Danitza Pantoja, Psy.D.**  
Coordinator of  
Psychological Services,  
Antelope Valley Union  
High School District

**Tracey Whitney**  
Deputy District  
Attorney, Mental  
Health Liaison, Los  
Angeles County District



### **Stakeholder Engagement- Presented by Orit Kalman**

- Presentation included a detailed account of the activities included in the stakeholder engagement process and provided an overview of information collected. Events were held in 5 different regions and included participation and input from diverse stakeholders including individuals with lived experience. Information collected was related to best practices, current needs, and areas this funding could make the most impact.

### **Lived Experience Contracts Project- Presented by Cathy Hickinbotham**

- Presentation included a discussion regarding the research conducted by staff into similarly funding programs to learn best practices, determine administrative boundaries and identify potential efficiencies.
- Goal of the project is to make statewide and local level impacts to reduce justice involvement of individuals with behavioral health needs and to bring the perspectives of justice involved populations to the attention of policy makers and decision makers.
- Presentation included an overview of the RFP framework which includes one state-level contractor and 5 local level contractors (one in each of the CBHDA mental health regions) to do outreach, education and awareness and collaborate with other organizations in project cohort to accomplish statewide goals.
- Organizations will have the ability to propose activities they feel will best accomplish the project goals and deliverables rather than prescribing the activities. CCJBH hopes to fund innovative approaches that will effectively reach the justice involved populations.
- The competitive bidding process is anticipated to start in February 2020 resulting in executed contracts by April/May 2020.

### **Questions/Comments:**

- Councilmembers had comments related to how the information from community engagement process would be incorporated into the RFP, how we were going to target specific groups, and expressed concern that the ration of funds should be revised to allow more funds for the local level activities.
- Public comments expressed that the state level organization should have lived experience employees and a suggestion was made to contract with one state level contractor and allow them to subcontract to local organizations

\*\*\*\*\*PUBLIC COMMENT\*\*\*\*\*

### **RFP Framework**

**Stephanie Welch**, Executive Officer, Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health

Motion to move forward and adopt the framework with the request that staff explore a reasonable proportion of money carved out for state contract be moved to local contract

Ayes-6

Nays-0

Abstentions—0

Motion approved

**IV. 2:15 PM Greetings from the California Health and Human Services Agency**  
*John M. Connolly, Deputy Secretary for Behavioral Health, California Health and Human Services Agency*

Deputy Connolly gave an overview of the new role of the Deputy Secretary of Behavioral Health at DHCS and outlined the objectives related to the incarceration of individuals with mental health issues and substance abuse issues. This new position entails thinking through how we develop, advance and integrate behavioral health services across 12 departments and 5 offices within the agency. Major focus is driving the CalAIM proposal, which is the framework for Medicaid waiver renewal and overhaul of the Medi-Cal program, specifically the Behavioral Health Services portfolio. The core of CalAIM, which is a five year project, is surrounding whole person care and human centered care.

**V. 2:30 PM Annual Legislative Recommendations**  
*Stephanie Welch, Executive Officer, Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health*

**a. Improving Housing Outcomes Recommendations**

**1) Specific Housing Recommendations Highlights:**

- Built recommendations in collaboration with the Housing and Community Development Department, the Homeless Coordinating and Finance Council. Brought these recommendations to a workshop with approx. 100 people. Focused on what can and should be done at state level v. local level. Recommendations still need to be reviewed with those in the Administration so they are currently in draft form. Goal is to get this done before end of November.

**2) Five Key Strategies to Address the Unique Needs of Individuals in the Intersection of Criminal Justice, Behavioral Health, and Homelessness**

- Support the Expansion of Housing and Housing Assistance Options
- Link the Criminal Justice System to the Homeless Crisis Response System and Facilitate Coordination, Collaboration, and Commitment among System and Service Partners
- Support Housing Best Practices
- Create Equitable Housing Assistance Opportunities and Combat Housing Discrimination
- Commit to Addressing Underlining Poverty

**b. Annual Legislative Report Recommendations**

**Findings and Highlights Outlined in the CCJBH Findings, Recommendations & Next Steps 2019 PowerPoint**

- 1) Investing in Services for Individuals with Complex Needs
- 2) Juvenile Justice and Behavioral Health
- 3) Homelessness and the Housing Crisis
- 4) State Leadership for Data-Driven for Data-Driven Practices
- 5) Champion Diversion
- 6) Diversion framework slated to be done in January.

- 7) Two additional staff are being added to the CCJBH team, hopefully by January.

**Questions/Comments:**

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**VI. 3:45 PM Executive Officer's Report**

**Stephanie Welch**, Executive Officer, Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health

Staff suggested a progress report rather than a legislative report to focus on what next steps are going to be so that we are prepared to start the new year with some focus.

**Recap on what the governor has asked us to focus on in the California for All Initiative:**

- Addressing the housing and homelessness crisis
- Making California more affordable
- Investments in Public Safety
- Investments in Education and Healthcare
- Prevention, Early Education and Equal Opportunity
- Addressing Aging Population as vulnerable population to serve in CalAIM project
- Reducing Incarceration and Data Driven Policy and Transparency in Government
- Transforming Behavioral Healthcare Systems

**A & B) Key Elements of Interest in Policy Issues and Legislative Impact Report**

- Statewide Enhanced Care Management Benefit-Can be used for people to transition from incarceration? What does this mean? Further discussion to be had to define this
- In-lieu of services
- Lifting IMD exclusion
- Requirement to provide screening and enrollment in Medi-Cal prior to release from county jails. This will be a mandate by 2022
- By 2024 counties will be mandated to provide warm handoffs from county jails to county behavioral health departments when the inmate was receiving behavioral health services while incarcerated. This to include those with substance use disorders
- Payment reform: moving from cost base services to providing a level of care that is more outcome based
- Revisions to medical necessity to prevent incorrect or unnecessary diagnoses.
- Administrative Behavior Health Integration statewide: This means service delivery that happens at one POS. Mental health services and substance use issues should be able to be addressed at same location
- Changing the way we do contracting so that it is regionally based to help with lack of services available in smaller, more rural communities
- Incorporating pilots in our entire managed care system

**C) 2020 CCJBH Council Meeting Dates and Locations**

Discussion on meeting dates for 2020:

- Proposed dates in packet. Need input regarding scheduling. Workshops back to back with day meetings are challenging due to staff time involved. Idea is to move toward day and a half meetings.

- Judge Manley proposed meeting monthly. Enjoys workshops.

**VII. 4:15 PM Announcements**

**Stephanie Welch**, *Executive Officer, Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health*

- Reminder: Words to Deeds tomorrow 11/7/19 at the Board of State and Community Corrections
- LPS forum: Would like to get input as to whether this is working in modern day?

**VIII. 4:20 Public Comment on Matters not on the Agenda**

**IX. Adjourn**